

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

(AMENDMENT C-Appln. No.09/352,192)

1.(currently amended) In an embossed card package production apparatus having means for producing cards, from stored card information and means for automatically inserting the cards into matching card carrying mailing forms, and a memory for storing stored card information apart from the card and the carrying mailing forms, the improvement being a verification system, comprising:

means for automatically determining when a card has been incorrectly prepared by comparing information carried by the card with the information stored apart from the cards and the carrying mailing forms; and

means for preventing an ~~incorrectly prepared~~ a card automatically determined to be incorrectly prepared from being inserted into a matching carrier.

2.(currently amended) The embossed card package production apparatus of claim 36 in which the information stored apart from the card determining means including means for ~~automatically comparing information on the card with stored~~ card's information used to produce the card.

3. (currently amended) The embossed card production system of claim 37 in which the automatically determining means compares at least one of (a) embossed information read from the card, (b) magnetically encoded information read from the card with the stored card information.

4. (currently amended) In an embossed card package: a production apparatus having means for producing cards from stored card information, and means for inserting the cards into matching card carrying mailing forms, and a memory for storing card information apart from the card and the carrying mailing forms, a method of verification, comprising the steps of:

determining when a card has been incorrectly prepared by comparing information carried by the card with the information stored apart from the card and the carrying mailing forms; and

preventing an incorrectly prepared a card automatically determined to be incorrectly prepared from being inserted into a matching carrier.

5. (currently amended) The method of claim 4 in which including the step of using the information stored apart from the card ~~determining includes the step of comparing~~ information on the card with the stored card information used to produce the card.

6. (currently amended) The method of claim 5 in which the step of determining includes the step of comparing at least one of (a) the embossed information read from the card and (b) magnetically encoded information read from the card with the stored card information.